



Greater Whorled Pogonia

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Picnic at the Wests' Home in Conway

Roger West

It turned out to be a real nice day. There was a strong breeze to offset the high temps and with all the shade, everybody enjoyed themselves. The grounds were especially beautiful with the daylilies a mass of color. This was probably due to the wet cold spring, if we call it spring anymore. There was a short meeting with Joe presenting some show dates. Because of the presidential primary the New Hampshire show will probably be in early April. Our show is still the last weekend of the school February vacation. There will be a regular September meeting but no auction like last year. Although President Joe would like to have the occasional small auction at the end of a few meetings just for some fun, I would agree. The party food was excellent highlighted with some spare ribs that my wife, Beth made along with those sinful chocolate chip cookies that she makes every July. It is true that Glen Decker has sold his orchid business so we will have to look for a new vendor or just go with what we have. The show table was again impressive with the usual summer bloomers filling out the table. A few days after the meeting my Den Gatton Sunray bloomed with six more spikes of yellow blooms. This was a division of the large plant that Joe hacked apart last November. My plant had blooms in May and I was wondering if the other divisions acted the same way, blooming a few months apart. There was a surprise presentation to me from the club. It was the Orchid Digest diamond award. This symbolizes excellence in something, probably because I have been around a long time. I was totally surprised and honored, thank you.

Show Table July 2019

<p>Marc Gray Zygosepescalum Zesty Kaila Bulbophyllum trichocephalum Promena xanthina Promena species Nageliella purpurea</p> <p>Maryanne Laukaitis & Mike Walunas Catt forbesii Stanhopea oculata Nageliella purpurea Encyclia tampensis Encyclia ionocentrum (Prosthechea ionocentra)</p> <p>Steve LaValley Encyclia cochleata Nikada fukevrin Phal. Su's Milk Riff cornu-cervi</p> <p>Holly Rainaud-Loss Odontocidium Catatante 'Orange Kiss'</p>	<p>Steve Steiner Aspasia lunata Calanthe triplicata Chondrorhyncha lendyana 'Frisky' Dendrochilum filiforme Macroclinium (notylia) escobarianum Paph delenatii Paph godefroyae x wenshanense Paph rothschildianum x parishii Paph rothschildianum x wilhelminae Phal Yin's Black Eagle 'Wilson' Pleurothallis convalaria Promenaea crawshayana Promenaea paranaensis Promenaea stapelioides Vanda Chulee classic blue</p>
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~ **Next Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society** ~

Sunday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Munson Memorial Library, 1046 S. East Street, Amherst, MA

Those with last names starting with Q,R,S and T
please bring a dish to share

~**Upcoming Meetings**~

October 13

November 10

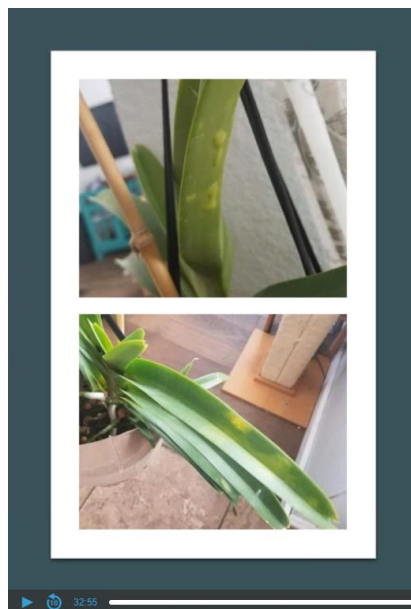
December 8

AOS Webinars

Liz Marinelli

The American Orchid Society website is packed with useful content: There are the culture sheets that our club distributes at our annual show, there are links to information about pests and diseases, and to orchid species from A to Z. It is now possible to search the database of *Orchids* magazine using keywords. One format that I was curious to explore was webinars, or online video presentations. It is possible to log in to join a webinar as it is being presented live, or follow the link on the website to watch one of the many recorded webinars. The recorded webinars fall into two categories- “Greenhouse Chat” which is available to the public without a membership, and member-only webinars on various topics such as “Demystifying Dendrobiums” and “Orchid Nutrition”.

I chose to start with Greenhouse Chat, which is a monthly question and answer program led by Ron McHatton. Viewers are encouraged to submit questions accompanied by photos before the date of the chat. On the webinar that was recorded on August 8, there were 16



Vanda Leaves problem

- I have a vanda that is normally robust and hardy. In the last 2 weeks, I have noticed some splotchy yellowing in seemingly random places across the plant. I also saw blistering on some of the leaves and shrunken areas others.
- I placed in a shadier location, increased my fertilizer strength 300 total ppm I soak daily in a bucket for 1 to 2 hours in the morning. I also try to spray my Vandas with just water in the hottest point of the day - mostly just to cool them off.
- I live in East County San Diego, CA. They are grown outside, hanging under a small Palm tree with day temps 85-95 degrees. They are grown in baskets filled with some LECA, but mostly bare root.

One of the slides from the August 8 Greenhouse Chat

questions submitted on a wide variety of topics. The format was a slide show with one frame for each question and photo. Many of the questions pertained to spots and rots, how to get a plant to rebloom, and various other problems faced by growers. For each problem, Ron gives an opinion as to the diagnosis and then offers suggestions for treatment. I picked up some useful pointers, it was certainly well worth watching. And since the webinar is recorded it is possible to watch a portion here and there as time allows, and skip over any sections that are not of interest. I might make it a point to watch each greenhouse chat as it becomes available each month, and explore the other webinars on offer. Here is a link to the AOS webinar page:

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>



Join us for the 9th Annual:
INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

“FOCUS ON PHALS” DAY

Co-hosted by the New Hampshire Orchid Society
Saturday, September 14th, 2019
Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH

In conjunction with the usual September New Hampshire Orchid Society meeting, IPA is pleased to present its 9th Annual “Focus On Phals” day. This special event will include two presentations, a culture round table and a mini-auction of select plants, plus a review of the always-abundant NHOS show table.

Our special Guest Speaker this year will be Peter Lin, owner of Big Leaf Orchids in Southlake, Texas. He’s a well-known hobbyist & hybridizer of over 30 years & has been the recipient of numerous AOS awards to his Phalaenopsis. He will be bringing a great selection of seedlings for sale from his trend-setting breeding program. Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, Past IPA President & a current Regional Director, will share with everyone the exciting new directions in cutting-edge breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2019 TIOS Show & will also update everyone on up-to-the-minute details for the March 2020 TIOS & WOC shows in Taiwan. She, too, will be bringing the newest in cutting-edge breeding for sale.

The Registration Fee of \$12 for **NON-NHOS members** just covers the cost of light morning refreshments & a generous lunch buffet.

We invite all orchidists enthusiasts, IPA members & non-members alike,
to join us for this very special “Focus on Phals” event.

IPA-Invited Vendors will be: Big Leaf Orchids, the orchidPhile and Kelley’s Korner Orchid Supplies

10:00 – 10:45 am	Sales Tables Open for Early Birds plus light morning refreshments
10:45 – 11:30 am	Carri Raven-Riemann: <i>The Amazing Abundance of “Orchid Land” in Taiwan</i>
11:30 - Noon	Mini Auction (to raise funds for future meetings)
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break, Review of Show Table & Business Meeting (Sales Tables open)
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Peter Lin: <i>The Ultimate in Phabulous Phalaenopsis Novelty Breeding</i>
1:45 - 2:15 pm	Roundtable Culture Discussion (time permitting)
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Last chance at Sales Tables

*** PLEASE NOTE: EARLY NHOS REGISTRATIONS ARE NEEDED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th,
TO ASSURE PLENTIFUL FOOD & CHAIRS FOR ALL !

Both NHOS & NON-NHOS members can Register on line at: <https://www.nhorchids.org/event-3289485/Registration>

Non-NHOS members can also pay by cash/check at the door or complete & mail in the
Registration Form below

For further information contact:

New England Regional Director: Carri Raven-Riemann at orchidphile@optimum.net or (203) 329-7255

Additional information will also be available on the IPA website (www.phal.org)

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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM for non-NHOS members: Must be received no later than
September 6th, 2019

IPA/NHOS "Focus on Phals" for Saturday, September 14th, 2019

NAME(S): _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ HOME ORCHID SOCIETY: _____

Enclosed is my check for ____ registration(s) at \$12 each Total enclosed: \$ _____
If paying by mail, send this form with your check, made payable to NHOS, to: NH Orchid Society
PO Box 5375

Manchester, NH 03108

For Vendor Pre-Order Lists and/or Pre-Orders - Please mention "NHOS/IPA Regional Pre-Order" in
the subject line:

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month *except for the month of August*. We usually meet at The Munson Memorial Library, 1046 South East Street, Amherst, MA. Meetings start at 2pm. Beginner programs occasionally start at 1:30pm.



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